

Selected Ideas and Strategies for CHW Payer/Provider Coverage in Massachusetts

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Payers-Current Focus on MassHealth

➤ **TIMING:**

1. MassHealth redesign—"listening" for c 1 yr
2. upcoming 1115 Waiver application,
3. application for DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive)

➤ **OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Expanding global payments, value-based, risk sharing payment

MassHealth cont'd.

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2. Integrated delivery systems-MCOs, ACO's
3. Emphasis on care coordination, population health, 'community expertise', high risk, high cost patients
4. Health Homes program—patients w 1 chronic disease plus behavioral health condition

Strategies to Date

- Community-Clinical Linkages Community of Practice → Co-led by MPHA & DPH
 - advocacy groups (MACHW, MPHA, HCFA, Medical-Legal Partnership), providers (mobile van, ABCD, health centers, primary care drs) and non-profits (HRiA, YMCA, JRI, etc.)
- ✓ MassHealth Stakeholder Workgroups
- ✓ MassHealth public forums
- ✓ Comments on proposed ACO Certification Standards by HPC and upcoming MassHealth proposals

Financing, Policy Goals

1. Explicit CHW Inclusion in MassHealth 1115 Waiver and DSRIP funding request
 - CHWs required --Health Home, other teams for high risk, complex patients
 - CHWs listed among members of interdisciplinary teams for care coordination, chronic disease self-management, and range of other roles
 - T.A. for best practices training, supervision, integration of CHWs into teams, practices
 - DSRIP monies for CHWs as “infrastructure” to assist w practice transformation

Educating Providers re Value of CHWs in Teams and for Linkages

1. Provider decision-makers—ACO-related
Medical, Quality, Financial Directors
2. White Paper, and promote awareness of
technical assistance
3. Presentations, possible forums, a range of
possibilities –open to suggestions

How to get involved w CoP

- Contact coordinator, ask to be put on email list:
 - Peggy Korcoras
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 - Next meeting: Thursday, April 21 2:00-3:30
at Massachusetts Public Health Association
14 Beacon Street, Suite 706 Boston